

Leo Durocher Is Given Release From Dodgers

By JUDSON BAILEY

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The baseball season may be closing, but the open season on managers is just starting.

In fact, it might be said to have begun yesterday with some double talk by Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who announced he was giving Leo Durocher his outright release as player-manager although he may later consider him for a bench manager.

Rickey explained to a press conference at Pittsburgh: "I have not thought of hiring anyone other than Durocher, but by giving him his release we will both be free to talk about next year without any feeling of compulsion on either side. He wants to make a connection elsewhere, either in baseball, or radio, or the movies, he will be free to do so."

The last reference apparently was to reports that Durocher might become an actor's agent in Hollywood, but the whole substance of Rickey's remarks seemed to be that he had opened the door for Durocher to leave the Dodger household, either under his own power or otherwise.

Durocher now is completing his fifth season as manager of the Dodgers, during which time he has won a National League pennant and never finished out of the first division. Although paid a reputed \$25,000 as player-manager, he played only six games this year.

Before making his announcement Rickey watched the Dodgers score nine runs in the eighth inning to beat the Pirates 14-7 and out Pittsburgh from third place in the standings.

The St. Louis Cardinals clipped the Boston Braves 3-2 for the Redbirds' 19th triumph in 22 games with the Braves this year, but rookie Alpha Brazile was unimpressive in gaining his eighth victory. He gave nine hits, walked six and fanned only one.

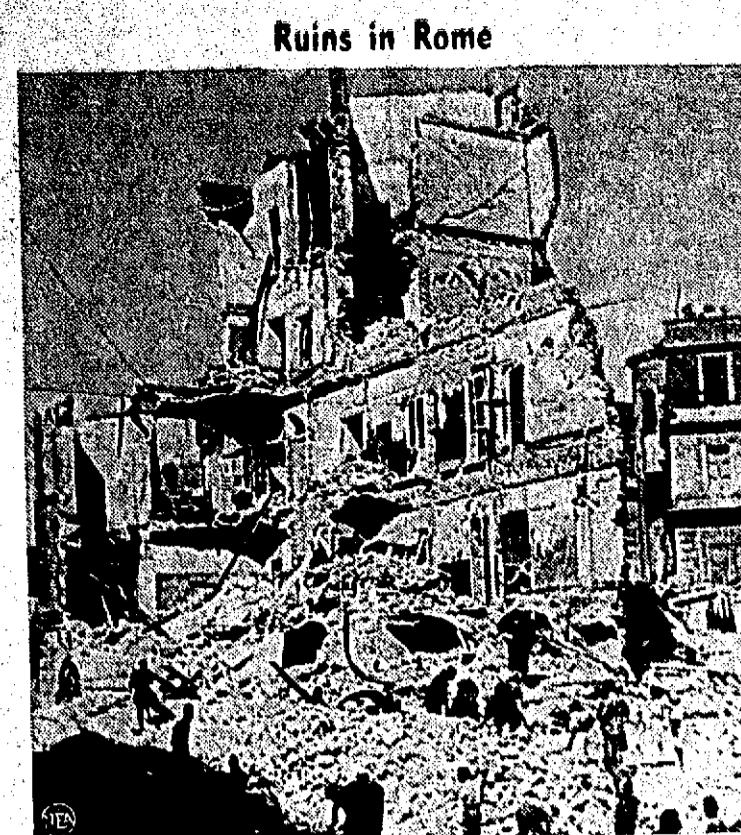
Johnny Vander Meer pitched the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 decision over the Phillies with a four-hit performance and the New York Giants battled 14 innings to a 3-3 draw with the Chicago Cubs.

The Washington Senators clinched second place in the American League by cutting down Cleveland twice in a twilight-night doubleheader 5-2 and 7-4.

The New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox split a pair of shutouts with Bill Dickey winning 3-0 for the Sox in the first game in a pitching duel with lefty Marlin Russo, and Charley Wensloff retaliating with a 4-0 whitewashing in the nightcap.

Detroit divided a doubleheader with Philadelphia, the A's taking the first game 8-2 and the Tigers coming back to win the afterpiece 9-1.

Vernon Stephens beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 in 13 innings for the St. Louis Browns in the first half of a doubleheader, but the second game ended in a 3-3 draw when darkness halted play after nine innings. Stephens hit a homer in the 11th inning of the first game and when this failed to put an end to the proceedings, he smacked another (this 22nd of the year) in the 13th to turn the trick.



Ruins in Rome

(Italian Newsreel Photo From NEA)

Warsaw, London, Berlin—and now Rome becomes another European capital to bear the scars of war. This building was blasted during one of two big pre-surrender Allied raids on Italian capital.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.

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By HUGH FULLERTON, JR., New York, Sept. 30—(P)—Scribes traveling with the Dodgers report there's another Brooklyn revolt brewing—and it won't likely be settled as easily as the summer flare-up—the veteran players are squawking that Leo Durocher cost them a chance for second-place money by using too many rookies recently, kicking pitchers without good reasons, etc., and several of them say they'd like to be traded if Leo remains . . . Which seems to prove the only difference between a Dodger player and a Dodger fan is that the players say "that bum," instead of "them bums" . . . When Don Hutson was a kid in Pine Bluff, Ark., he was better known for his collection of snakes than for his football playing . . . Other National Football leaguers figure Don must have learned something from the snakes about how to slip away from a tackler.

Today's Guest Star
Woody Thompson, Tampa, Fla., Times: "Things have reached a 'good' bad and possibly a great one" in another season or two . . . Doc Parshall, whose once huge stable of harness horses has dwindled to practically nothing, tired his hand at starting during the recent Delaware, Ohio, races and did a swell job . . . Mrs. Nellie Davis of Carson City, Nev., who covered the Corbett-Fitzsimmons championship fight in 1897, celebrated her 99th birthday recently.

Shorts And Shells
Boxing's service athletic fund has spent nearly \$20,000 on boxing equipment for service men and will continue to spend as fast as the money comes in . . . Bruce Smith, who's carrying the ball for Navy this fall, isn't the same Bruce who ran for Minnesota and Coach "Bilieck" Whelchel says the kid will be "a good and possibly a great one" in another season or two . . . Doc Parshall, whose once huge stable of harness horses has dwindled to practically nothing, tired his hand at starting during the recent Delaware, Ohio, races and did a swell job . . . Mrs. Nellie Davis of Carson City, Nev., who covered the Corbett-Fitzsimmons championship fight in 1897, celebrated her 99th birthday recently.

Deaths Last Night
By The Associated Press
Very Rev. Martin J. O'Malley, St. Louis—The very Rev. Martin J. O'Malley, C. M., S. T. B., 54, a nationally known clergyman and rector of Kenrick Seminary. He was born in Chicago.

Leahy's Irish to Meet Tech in Top Grid Game

By BUCKY O'CONNOR

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 30—(P)—Being a man of considerable fortitude Coach Frank Leahy isn't exactly afraid of Georgia Tech, but being also a man of logic and realism, he probably is apprehensive concerning the outcome of the Irish-Tech clash here Saturday.

For the Irish, though fresh from an easy 41 to 0 victory over Pittsburgh in their opener last week, encounter a Tech team stronger than the one that upset them a year ago. But Leahy's lads are bearing down these days. They're out to wreck the Ramblin' Wreck and damage last season's defeat.

More than 25,000 fans are expected to witness the game between two of the most powerful eleves in their respective regions. The encounter is rated as Saturday's outstanding inter-sectional battle.

Notre Dame has trounced the Southerners 11 of the 13 times they have met. Tech winning twice prior to last year the Georgians on victory of the series was in 1928 when they went on to beat California in the Rose Bowl.

Seven veterans of Tech's 13 to 8 upset of Notre Dame last year are with the squad this season. They include Capt. Mutt Manning, center and key man of defense; and Halfback Eddie Prokop, who drives opponents to distraction, if not defeat, with his running and passing.

Four of Coach Bill Alexander's probably starters are Navy V-12 transfer students who played in 1942 with other southern colleges. One Phil Tinsley, was with the Alabama freshmen and Coach Frank Thomas describes him as the greatest end he has seen since Don Hutson.

The Irish will have only one outsider in their starting lineup—Halfback Julius Rykovich, a marine transfer from Illinois where he played freshman ball last year.

The others are strictly home talent, eight of them veterans. They include that fellow Angelo Bertelli, which means the Irish also may throw a pass or two before the day is over.

Washington

By JACK STINNETT

Mackinac Island, Mich., One thing definitely can be said of the Republican post-war advisory council conference just concluded here: The Old Guard still is in the saddle but they really tried to bend over backward to give the party's "bright young men" a place in the party councils.

When the opening session of the 40-odd present members of the "Council of 49" was held, Spangler was designated to appoint the committee, and out of his pocket he pulled the list.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, was named chairman of the foreign policy and international relations committee, and Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, chairman of the post-war enterprise, industry and employment committee.

Spangler couldn't possibly have done any better by the Old Guard. The only two other possibilities, so far as the convention lists and apparent appointment policies were concerned would have been Sen. Charles L. McNary, minority leader of the upper house, who wasn't here; and Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., minority leader of the lower house, withheld us personally that he had asked to be excluded from all committees because of the pressure of his job in Congress.

From there on, the eight permanent committee which will try to work out the major planks in the Republican platform between now and next summer are something of a different story.

On Vandenberg's foreign policy committee, "internationalist" Rep. Charles A. Eaton claims a majority, with such advocates of post-war collaboration as Sen. Warren R. Austin, of Vermont; Gov. Edward Martin, of Pennsylvania; and Rep. Francis P. Bolton, of Ohio. However, there wasn't much in the original committee's draft to indicate that Eaton's "international majority" had won an all-out victory. It certainly lagged behind the broad outlines suggested by the president, Wendell L. Willkie, and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York.

On the permanent post-war enterprise, industry and employment committee, Gov. John W. Bricker, Ohio, a Taft conservative, was made chairman, and former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Sen. Albert W. Hawkes, of New Jersey, was second in line. But the committee also included such party scappers as Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, and Rep. Everett Dirksen, of Illinois.

On the other hand, Gov. Dewey drew the chairmanship of the government administration reform committee, and Governor, Earl Warren, of California, also high in the list of "liberal" presidential possibilities, was given chairmanship of the social security and welfare committee.

Scattered through the committees where they can kick a lot of dust in the eyes of the Old Guard if they have a mind to, were such others as Arizona National Committeeman Kelland; Missouri Rep. Louis E. Miller; New Jersey Committeeman, H. Alexander Smith; Michigan Willkie; Mrs. Dudley Hay; Governors Dwight Griswold, of Nebraska, and Earl Snell, of Oregon; and Rep. Charlie Halleck, of Indiana, among others.

Washington — Unless we meet

There's No Place Like Home



(U. S. Navy Photo From NEA)

And these U. S. troops on Kiska never realized it more than they do now. They're bunking in a filthy, poorly constructed shack that the Japs used as a hospital until better quarters are set up.

serious reversals on the continent, there is little likelihood that civilians will undergo any greater hardships in the coming months than they have in the past.

The reasons for this are pretty complicated and I could find no body in WFB who will willing to be quoted on it. In the first place, the army and navy apparently have gotten over their ever of over buying. Not only have they let up on the purchase of some commodities, but they are even turning others back into civilian channels, for example, woolen cloth. And army cotton goods requirements for next year will be only half of this year's.

As a matter of fact, the threat of rationing clothing has almost completely disappeared, although it once was so imminent that orders were drawn to put it into execution.

Also, U. S. production has far exceeded expectations and in spite of production lags in certain instruments of war, we've got more factory space than we know what to do with. If the manpower and a few critical materials could be found, that space could be put to good use.

As a result, WFB's Office of Civil Requirements is clamoring for relief of some scruples and is likely to get at least a portion of them. For example, the laundry service will resume acquaintance with porters.

As a matter of fact, except on some items in a few scattered sections, there's not much likelihood now of any food shortages this winter. If the manpower and a few critical materials could be found, that space could be put to good use.

As for automobiles, gasoline and heating fuels, it's another story. There will certainly be no more

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press
Syracuse, N. Y.—Tami Muriello, 197, New York, stopped Gunnar Barlund, 203, Finland, 8; Wild Bill McDowell, 160, Dallas, outpointed Joe Bowman, 161, New York, 8; Vern Patterson, 152, Chicago, knocked out Leon Anthony, 155, New York, 4.

Wilmington, Del.—George "Lucky" Brown, 134, Wilmington, outpointed Charlie Bennett, 138, Washington, 8.

Elizabeth, N. J.—Joe Brask, 220 1-2, Kulpmont, Pa., knocked out Henry Jones, 180, New York, 7.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today A Year Ago—Crowd of 34,385 see Yankees take opening game of World Series from Cardinals, 7 to 4, at St. Louis. Mort Cooper, starting Cardinal pitcher, is knocked out in seventh inning. Red Ruffing of Yanks, pitches hitless ball for 7 2-3 innings for 10th series record and wins 7th World Series game for another new mark, but is knocked out in ninth by four-run Card rally.

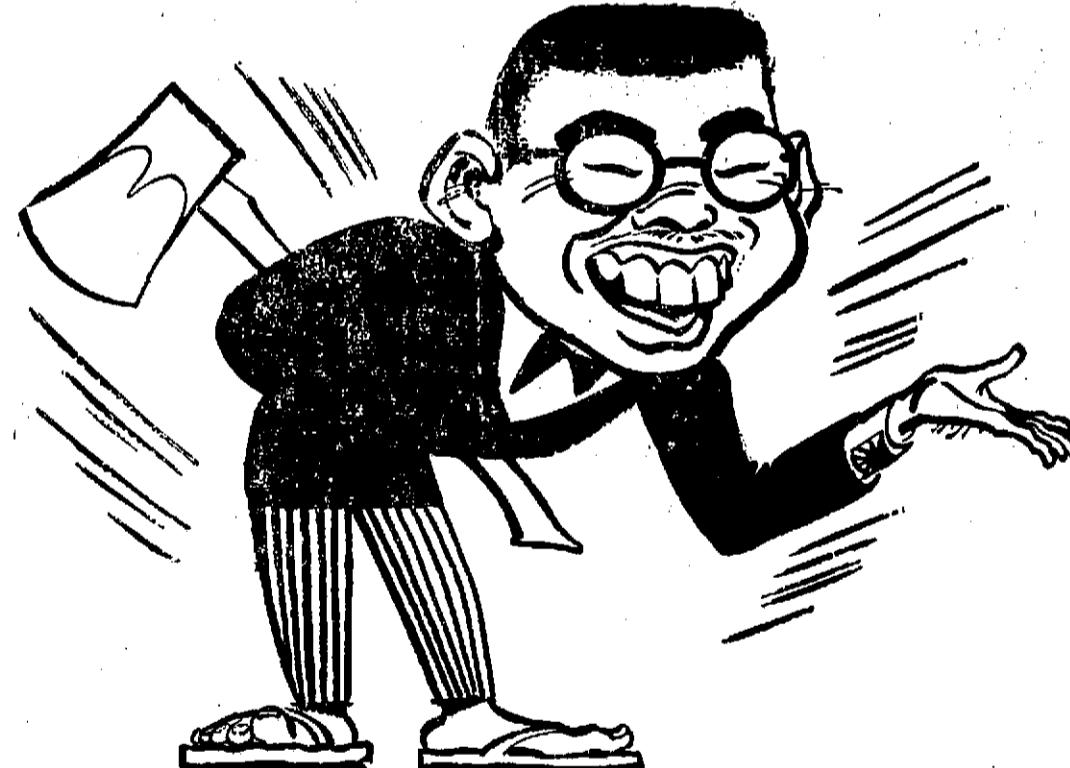
Three Weeks Ago—Fred Haney and Frank Frisch sign new contracts as managers of Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Browns and Pittsburgh Pirates, respectively.

Five Years Ago—Three world's harness race records set at Lexington, Ky. Rosalind set mark of 1:57 for trotting mares; Her Ladyship set mark of 1:56 3-4 for racing mares and Chief Counsel set mark of 1:57 3-4 for three-year-old pacers.

fuels situation will be certainly as serious this winter as it was last. That's the way it adds up at the moment and even a slight glance at the whole picture discloses that civilians here will have less to complain about than my people fighting this war, and some who aren't.

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